

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, June 1, 1784,  
Some Words in Code; Cipher, from Thomas Jefferson  
and James Monroe Correspondence, Transcribed  
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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson**

Annapolis, June 1. 1784.

Dear Sir

I have been favor'd with yours of the 25 by the last post with its enclosures & will pay due attention to the contents. Two points have been effected since my last; the putting the office of finance into commission & establishment of the committee of the States & appointmt. of the members. Each State nominated its own member, & Congress confirm'd the preference. The committee consist of Mr. Blanchard, Dana, Ellery, Sherman, DeWitt, Dick, Hand, Chase, Hardy, Spaight & Read; for the States not represented on the floor any member who produces credentials may take his seat. The members also may release each other at pleasure. These resolutions were introduc'd by *Mercer* & supported by *Read* by wh. the appointment, if this rule continues (longer than the present Congress or rather committee) is taken out of the hands of Congress & rested in the delegation of each State & of course given to whomever the chance of a popular vote, may place at the head of a delegation, for those who pay a delicate attention to the sense of the State must take that sense from such evidence as appears to them. The powers of the committee are *confined* so that no injury can be effected. *Sherman* & *Dana* will necessarily *govern* it. *Read* & *Spaight* will be together. *Hardy* will perhaps be of the same society & as

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the part they will *act* will perhaps be rather an intemperate one, *they* will have no *weight* themselves & throw the indifferent *states* into the other scale. I shall sit out a day or two after the adjournment for Virga. & propose, if possible, to effect the purchase of the land from Markes & if necessary will go to Albemarle. I intend also to put into execution the plan I had in view of visiting the western country if no difficulties arise upon my arrival in Virga. You will please direct yr. letters for me to Fredericksburg thro' whomever you think proper here. I shall hurry Mr. Short on if he comes by Annapolis but suspect he hath pass'd by Baltimore before this. I shall write you by the next post after the adjournment of Congress & give you information of our

ultimate proceedings; the western posts are still before us & will probably receive their final arrang'm't tomorrow. The plan is (the two points having pass'd by the vote of 7 States, the whole being consider'd as one ordinance) to send 350 of the troops from W. point immediately to take possession of the posts, & to raise 700 men to supply their places. I think it will pass. The collection of military stores, arrangment &c. will be put under the direction of Genl. Knox. I am sincerely your friend & servt. Jas. Monroe

P.S. The inclos'd proceedings of the Committee of our Asembly were forwarded to me for you to carry to Europe with you.

RC (Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress). Words in italics were written in cypher by Monroe.